CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method comprising:
receiving a first video layer of a video image;
determining a first edge layer based on the first video layer; and
blending the first video layer with a first other layer, wherein control of the blending is based upon the first edge layer.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a second video layer of the video image;
determining a second edge layer based on the second video layer; and
blending the second video layer with a second other layer, wherein the blending is controlled by the second edge layer.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
providing composite of the first video layer and the second video layer for display on a display device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first other layer is a filtered representation of the first video layer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the filtered representation is a smoothed representation of the first video layer.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first video layer is one of an R, G, and B layer.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first video layer is one of a Y, U, and V layer.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein blending is based upon a horizontal edge component.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the blending is independent of a vertical edge component.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein blending is based upon a vertical edge component.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the blending is independent of a horizontal edge component.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the first edge layer comprises determining a gradient for a plurality of pixels of the first video layer.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein determining the first edge layer comprises determining a horizontal gradient for the plurality of pixels of the first video layer.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein determining the first edge layer comprises determining a vertical gradient for the plurality of pixels of the first video layer.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein determining the first edge layer comprises determining a vertical gradient for the plurality of pixels of the first video layer.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first edge layer includes an edge indicator at a pixel, when a gradient at the pixel is greater than a predefined value.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the predefined value is user definable.

18. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

determining an edge layer based upon an image layer of a video image;

determining a filtered layer based upon the image layer;

determining a blending ratio for each pixel of a blended image layer, wherein the blending ratio is to control blending the image layer and the filtered layer to form the blended image layer, and the blending [[ration]]ratio is based on the edge layer.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the filtered layer represents a smoothed video image.

20. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a noise filter coupled to receive a source video image and to provide a smoothed video image;

an edge detector coupled to receive the source video image and to provide an edge layer;

a blending controller coupled to receive the smoothed video image and the edge layer and to provide a destination layer of a video image based upon the ~~source layer~~smoothed video image and the ~~destination~~ edge layer.